मध्यम वर्ग के लोगों के लिए होटलों की कमी

769. **श्री नागमणि:**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भूमि प्राप्त न होने से सरकार मध्यम वर्ग हेतु होटलों का निर्माण करने में असमर्थ रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने गत दो वर्षों में किन-किन स्थानों पर मध्यम वर्ग हेतु होटलों का निर्माण किए जाने का निर्णय लिया है; और

(ग) इन स्थानों पर कितने बाजार मूल्य पर भूमि उपलब्ध है एवं सरकार किस मूल्य पर जमीन खरीदना चाहती है?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकान्त जैना): (क) से (ग) होटलों का निर्माण करना मुख्यत: निजी क्षेत्र का कार्यकलाप है। ऐसे आवास के निर्माण को प्रोत्साहित करने के उद्देश्य से भारत सरकार, ब्याज इमदाद, जो कि एक दो तथा तीन सितारा होटलों को विनिर्दिष्ट वित्तीय संस्थानों से ऋण लेने पर उपलब्ध करवाई जाती है, परियोजना उपकरणों/पूंजीगत वस्तुओं तथा कच्चे माल आदि के आयात पर घटे हुए शुल्क आदि जैसे प्रोत्साहन प्रदान करती है। सरकार आयकर अधिनियम के तहत छूट भी प्रदान करती है।

Target for Arrival of Foreign Tourists

770. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the arrival of foreign tourists during last three years;

(b) the actual number of foreign tourists who visited the different destinations in the country during those years; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) to (c) The targets set for the international tourist arrivals and the actual arrivals during the last three years were as given below:—

Year	Tourist Target	Arrivals Achievement
1994-95	20,00,000	19,07,320
1995-96	20,82,152	21,90,334
1996-97	23,70,000	23,34,438

Setting up of Camp Sites In Hills and Tourist Centers

771. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a big demand for the setting up of camp-sites in the hills and at tourist centres; and

(b) if so, what is Government's plan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) and (b) Central Financial Assistance for projects is provided on the basis of prioritisation of projects for the States in consultation with the State Governments. Projects which pertain to Ecotourism are considered if they come within the Department of Tourism's guidelines and on the basis of inter-se priority of projects and availability of funds.

New Tourism Offices

772.DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken to boost tourism in the country;

(b) the places where new tourism offices are to be opened; and

(c) the details of new tourism policy?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) The measures taken to boost tourism in the country include improvement of infrastructural facilities, strengthening of publicity and promotional efforts and development of human resources.

(b) The Department of Tourism has identified four places namely Moscow, Johannesburg, Sooul and Buenos Aires for opening new Tourist Offices.

(c) The new tourism policy aims at achieving sustainable development of tourism through the co-ordinated efforts of Central Government, State Governments, and the Private Sector. It also aims at creating awareness about tourism and ensuring public participation in the development of tourism.

Formulation of New Tourism Policy

773. SHRI AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any new National Tourism Policy in consultation with State Tourism Ministers at the recently held conference in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof and in what way it is likely to be beneficial to all concerned including private sector/Union Territories/State etc.; and

(c) what is the likely amount of Central/ private funding for development of Tourism Industry during 1997-98 and Ninth Plan period and whether the Union till date has given its approval to new National Tourism Policy?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) and (b) The Draft National Tourism Policy prepared by the Department of Tourism has been generally endorsed by the State Governments. The Tourism Policy, 1997 aims at achieving sustained development of tourism through the co-ordinated efforts of Central Government, State Governments and the private sector. It also aims at creating awareness about tourism and ensuring public participation in the development of tourism.

(c) The draft National Tourism Policy does not include any quantification of Central/ Private funding for tourism development. However, the Plan Budget of the Central Department of Tourism for tourism development during 1997-98 is Rs. 110.35 crores. The Draft National Policy has not been submitted to the Union Cabinet for approval.

Circulation of Draft National Tourism Policy to State Governments

774. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have circulated a Draft National Tourism Policy to all the State Governments for their comments;

(b) if so, details of comments received by the Central Government thereon and how far the Central Government propose to include State Government's recommendations etc, in the new Tourism Policy?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Governments have in general, endorsed the National Tourism Policy.

Target for Growth of Tourism and Wildlife Reserves

775. DR. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the target set up for the next three years for growth of tourism; and

(b) the measures taken to develop beaches and wildlife reserves to boost eco-tourism?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) The Working Group on Tourism for Ninth Five Year Plan has projected a growth target of 8% in tourist arrivals during the Plan period.

(b) The Department of Tourism has formulated specific guidelines for the development of eco-tourism in the country. It includes policy and planning guidelines and specific steps to be taken by the Government, developers, visitors and the local community.